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## BIG STORM PLAYS HAVOC

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION  
IN SOUTHWEST PARA-  
LYZED

### MILES OF POLES DOWN

SNOW GENERAL THROUGHOUT  
KANSAS, COLORADO AND  
NEW MEXICO

### RAILROADS ALSO SUFFER

IN SOME INSTANCES TRAINS ARE  
STALLED—A GODSEND TO  
STOCKMEN

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 29.—From a thousand to fifteen hundred telegraph poles are down in western Kansas on the Rock Island and Santa Fe railroads, the result of a snow storm which began Saturday night and still continues, though with diminished force. Snow and sleet brought poles down for miles. All trains are also delayed.

#### Trains Snowbound.

Denver, Nov. 29.—The snow fall yesterday and last night was general over Colorado and well down into the Texas panhandle. Southbound trains on the Rock Island are reported snowbound in Oklahoma. A heavy snow has fallen at Dawson, N. M., and Durango, Colo., followed by a decided drop in the temperature as far south as El Paso, Texas.

#### Big Snow Over Territory

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 29.—The general snow which fell throughout New Mexico yesterday and last night is worth thousands of dollars to the sheepmen and cattlemen. Socorro, Belen, Las Vegas, Gallup, Santa Fe, Raton and Albuquerque had a fall of from three inches to a foot.

#### LABOR LEADERS CALL ON PRESIDENT TAFT

Washington, Nov. 29.—Recommendations looking toward the improvement of the condition of the laboring man, which it is desired the president shall incorporate in his annual message to congress, were urged upon the

president today by union labor leaders, headed by Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, James O'Connell and Frank Morrison. Foremost was the matter concerning the issuance of injunctions by federal judges in labor disputes. Exemption of labor organizations from certain provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law also was discussed. The president has practically decided that his message shall make no specific recommendation regarding the Sherman act as there is now pending in the U. S. court or on the way there, a number of important cases involving the interpretation of this act.

#### SERIOUS WRECK ON ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROAD

Raton, N. M., Nov. 29.—The passengers on the east bound St. Louis, Rocky Mountain and Pacific mixed passenger and freight train had a narrow escape yesterday morning as the train was nearing Colfax station according to advices received here. Traffic is completely tied up and will not be resumed until late today. As the train was going into Colfax at reduced speed, part of a coal car caught on a switch in some manner and three cars were derailed and plunged over a steep embankment, being smashed into kindling wood. The track was torn up for many yards. Had the train been moving a trifle faster the result would have been great loss of life. As it was, not a passenger was hurt. They were de-toured to Dawson to remain over night and proceeded on their way via the Rock Island from that point this morning.

#### NO CLUE TO MURDERER OF A KANSAS FAMILY

Frontenac, Kans., Nov. 29.—It is not believed by the authorities here that the murderer of William Bork, his wife and baby boy who were slain on a lonely road, five miles north of here Friday night, will ever be apprehended. Not the slightest clue to the murderer has been discovered. He certainly will be lynched if captured.

#### OCEAN STEAMSHIP ON SHOALS OFF HATTERAS

Beaufort, N. C., Nov. 29.—The German steamer Brewster, from Jamaica and Cuban ports, bound for New York is aground and in a dangerous position off Diamond Shoals lightship, just south of Cape Hatteras. The crew was taken off by the lightship after calls for assistance had been sent out by wireless.

#### KING EDWARD ASKED TO ARBITRATE DISPUTE

London, Nov. 29.—A request that King Edward mediate the famous Alsop claim dispute between the United States and Chile was made by the United States through the foreign office today.

## OUTLOOK ROSEATE FOR EARLY STATEHOOD, SAYS MR. LUNA

Hon. Solomon Luna, republican national committeeman from New Mexico, who arrived in Las Vegas late Saturday night from Washington, remaining here until yesterday morning, when he continued on to his home at Albuquerque, conferred with local party leaders, relative to the governorship situation and statehood plans. Mr. Luna talked reassuringly of New Mexico's chances for statehood at the coming session of congress.

"I have been going to Washington in the interest of statehood and other territorial matters for the past sixteen years," said Mr. Luna, "and I can say that never before have I found such a favorable sentiment among the party leaders toward the passage of an enabling act for New Mexico. My trip to Washington was primarily on business connected with the selection of a man to succeed Governor Curry as chief executive of the territory," continued Mr. Luna, "and I had four conferences with the president. At each conference Mr. Taft broached the statehood question himself and assured me that he was heart and soul in sympathy with New Mexico in her fight for admission and would do all in his power to help us along."

"Mr. Taft seemed so confident that New Mexico will be made a state at the coming session that the statehood question entered largely into his plans in the selection of a governor. He stated to me during our first conference that he desired to appoint a lawyer to the office, as it would be necessary for the new governor to take the lead in the matter of constructing a constitution for the state

of New Mexico during the next eight or nine months."

Mr. Luna said that the name of Nathan Jaffa, secretary of the territory, was carefully considered as a successor to Governor Curry both by the president and Mr. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, who was present at the several conferences at which the matter was discussed.

"The president was much impressed with the recommendations made in favor of Mr. Jaffa," said Mr. Luna, "but decided that it would be better at this time to have the new governor a man learned in the law, and that he should be a New Mexico man. The name of Chief Justice Mills was agreed upon and his appointment followed."

The vacancy caused on the bench as the result of the appointment of Judge Mills to be governor, and the subsequent appointment of Judge William H. Pope to be chief justice, has not yet been filled.

"Mr. Taft desired to make a personal appointment to fill the vacancy on the bench," said Mr. Luna, "and no candidates for the position were recommended by me."

Mr. Luna stated during a general discussion of statehood matters that Senator Borah of Idaho would be one of New Mexico's chief champions and that he would lead the fight on the floor for the passage of the bill. Mr. Borah contemplated visiting New Mexico during the fall to secure data regarding its population and resources. Urgent business detained him in the east, however, and he will secure the information from Mr. Ballinger, secretary of the interior.

## UNIQUE PLEA MADE BY LIFER

ALBERT T. PATRICK DECLARES  
HE HAS ALREADY SUFFER-  
ED DEATH

### NOW DEMANDS FREEDOM

NEW CHAPTER ADDED TO FA-  
MOUS MURDER CASE OF  
LAWYER

### PRESENTS HIS OWN CASE

APPEARS BEFORE COURT OF AP-  
PEALS TO ARGUE TECH-  
NICALITY

New York, Nov. 29.—Albert T. Patrick, whose sentence of death for the murder of William Marsh Rice, the Texas millionaire, was commuted to life imprisonment at Sing Sing, appeared before the appeals division of the supreme court of Brooklyn today to argue that within the law he has already suffered death and has thus paid his debt to the state in full and therefore should be given his liberty.

Patrick contends that his solitary confinement preceding electrocution has been held by the United States supreme court to be a part of the penalty decreed in the death sentence. He served a part of this time in full and now makes the point that when the court of appeals reaffirmed the decision of the court of conviction, it transgressed his constitutional rights in making him serve another period of solitary confinement, thereby duplicating the punishment he had already received.

#### PRESIDENT ZELAYA TO LEAVE NICARAGUA

Washington, Nov. 29.—The United States consul at Managua has been threatened by President Zelaya and he has been granted permission to occupy the legation premises as being more secure. The Nicaraguan congress will assemble Wednesday and it is rumored Zelaya will retire and possibly attempt to escape from the country at night via the Pacific coast. Anarchy, it is said, may ensue. Persistent rumors are that Gen. Irias will succeed Zelaya as president. This information was received today in long delayed telegrams from American consuls in Nicaragua. According to these telegrams, LeRoy Cannon and Leonard Groce, the Americans shot to death by order of Zelaya, were regularly enrolled as officers in the revolutionary army and were captured in the line of duty and that their execution caused great indignation.

#### AUSTRALIANS WALLOP AMERICAN TENNIS TEAM

Sydney, N. S. W., Nov. 29.—The Australian defenders of the Dwight F. Davis international challenge tennis cup, defeated the Americans in straight sets in the doubles of the international tennis tournament here today. The Australians showed better judgment and won by magnificent volleying and prompt rallying at critical moments.

## WHEN WILL YOU SHOP MORNING or AFTERNOON

If you shop mornings

you'll find the stores

spick and span,

stocks nicely arranged,

sales people alert

and anxious to serve

you.

SHOP MORNINGS WHENEVER POSSIBLE

The next two weeks you who are wise will do the bulk of your Christmas shopping.

## GRAND JURY FINISHES LABORS

RETURNED 33 TRUE BILLS OUT  
OF 38 CASES EXAM-  
INED

### MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

URGES NECESSITY OF THOR-  
OUGH OVERHAULING OF  
COUNTY JAIL

### CONGRATULATES JUDGE MILLS

HIS ELEVATION TO GOVERNOR-  
SHIP FITTING RECOGNITION  
OF SPLENDID RECORD

The territorial grand jury for the November term of the district court, after a week's session, completed its labors Saturday evening and made its final report to the court. After being thanked by Chief Justice W. J. Mills for its conscientious work, the jury was discharged from further duty.

The report shows that the grand jury made an exceedingly good record, inasmuch as out of thirty-eight cases examined, it returned a total of thirty-three indictments and five no true bills. The jury in its report makes the usual recommendations, urging a complete renovation of the county jail which is badly in need of repair. It also recommends that the new hardwood floors in the court house be better cared for by the janitor. Inquiry among the prisoners in the county jail elicited the information that all were satisfied with their treatment, not a complaint of any sort being registered by inmates of Sheriff Cleofes Romero's boarding house.

A very interesting feature of the grand jury's report is that portion of it congratulating Judge Mills on his elevation to the governorship, although keen regret is expressed that the Fourth judicial district is to lose him as its presiding judge.

The verbatim report follows:

Report of Grand Jury  
To the Honorable William J. Mills, chief justice of the supreme court of the territory of New Mexico, and judge of the Fourth judicial district court, thereof.

We, the grand jury, empaneled at the November term, 1909, of the district court for San Miguel county, New Mexico, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have been in session one week, and during that period we have examined into 38 cases, and have returned 33 indictments, and 5 no true bills.

We find that the violations of law throughout the county are mostly for minor offenses, no causes of an aggravated character coming before us for investigation. We have endeavored to return indictments only in cases where the evidence warranted it, in accordance with the instructions of your honor, when we were sworn and empaneled as the grand jury of the county for the present term.

#### County Property

So far as the court house is concerned, we find that it is in good condition, but the county has gone to considerable expense in putting in new hardwood floors in the offices and corridors of the building, and in our opinion the janitor is not giving them the proper attention. The hardwood floors are expensive and should

be properly cared for, and in fact the whole building should receive better care and attention from the janitor.

#### County Jail

We examined the county jail, and we find the plastering on the walls and the floors to be in very bad condition. We desire to call the attention of your honor to the unsanitary condition of the lavatories in the jail, and to recommend that they be repaired at once. In fact the entire jail should have a thorough overhauling and the plastering be repaired and replaced and the floors repaired and new ones placed therein where necessary. Unless the sanitary conditions of the jail are looked after promptly in our opinion the prisoners will be liable to contract illness and disease. We interrogated the prisoners and they informed us that they received good treatment, and food, and they had no complaint to make to us as to their care and treatment. Taking into consideration the condition of the jail building, we believe that the prisoners are being as well taken care of as could be expected.

From information obtained from members of our body, we find that this matter has been referred to in previous reports of grand juries of our county, but that up to the present time no attention has been paid by the proper authorities to the recommendations made by said previous grand juries.

During our session, it has come to our knowledge, that your honor has been appointed governor of the territory, and that this is probably the last term that you will preside as judge of our court. We desire to congratulate you upon your appointment, and while we regret to lose you as judge of our court, we know that the affairs of our territory will be carefully administered by you, and we feel that the people of the territory should be congratulated in having you as their chief executive.

Having concluded our labors, with thanks to your honor, and to other officers of the court for courtesies extended to us during our brief session, we would respectfully ask to be discharged.

Respectfully,  
C. D. BOUCHER,  
FOREMAN.  
EARNEST MACKEL,  
Secretary.

Las Vegas, N. M., Nov. 27th, 1909.

#### AMERICA BEST RACING COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 29.—"America is good enough for me. I don't think those foreigners are any too fond of us anyhow, and I will stick to racing in this country as long as I live."

This statement was made by Veteran Ed Geers yesterday in denial of the report that he intended taking the cream of the racing and trotting material in several American millionaires strings to compete next season at Berlin, Vienna and Russian tracks. Geers believes American harness racing will receive its greatest boom in the next few years.

## PROSPECTS OF EL PORVENIR MINE GREAT, SAYS EXPERT

That the prospects of the copper mine of the El Porvenir Mining company are exceedingly promising, in fact give every indication of the property being immensely valuable, is the report made by Will Halloran, a mining expert of established reputation. Mr. Halloran who has worked extensively in the Colorado mining districts and is also familiar with the mines of Arizona, California and Mexico, has spent a week examining the properties of the El Porvenir Mining company, near Hermit's Peak. In a statement made today, Mr. Halloran said that the prospects look very promising indeed. His examination was a thorough one, he spending several days among the rocks near the peak, where a force of miners is engaged in sinking shafts and piling ore, preparatory to turning it over to the crusher, which is now being installed on the property. The official report made the officers of the company by Mr. Halloran, follows in full:

"The claims are located close to Hermit's Peak proper, the original discovery being made in a pinnacle of rock rising just east of the mountain in the draw running from the north fork of the Gallinas canyon to the mountain and just east of north of El Porvenir resort. The other claims are in the same draw and one is on the very side of Hermit's Peak itself.

"The country rock is blue granite, with a dyke of quartz cutting it east and west. Intermixed with the quartz are seams of malachite, boronite, chalcopyrite and tetrahedrite. Intersecting the granite with a general trend toward the main dyke, are leads and

## BRIDE HEEDS WISH OF FATHER

DYING REQUEST WAS THAT SHE  
BE MARRIED IN HIS  
PRESENCE

### STOOD BEFORE CASKET

CHICAGO SCENE OF STRANGE  
BUT PATHETIC WEDDING  
CEREMONY

### VICTIM OF AN ACCIDENT

JAMES HOWARD, VETERAN  
HORSEMAN, HAD FAITHFUL  
DAUGHTER

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Beside the body of her father, James Howard, formerly secretary of the Washington Park club and one of the best known horsemen of the country, Miss Juanita C. Howard was married today. Her father, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident last week, had wished that his daughter should be married in his presence. Before he could be obtained, the man known as the "Father of the can derby," died. The wedding was set for this afternoon. Miss Howard and her father stood before the open casket and were married.

#### COL. BRYAN ANNOUNCES AN EXTENSIVE TOUR

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 29.—William Jennings Bryan is preparing to tour South and Central America and visit the Panama Canal. Mr. Bryan, who passed through this city last night, said that after hunting ducks a few days near Galveston, he would visit his ranch at Mission Tex., and then go to Florida and sail later for Panama. He will then tour Central and South America.

#### LORETTO ACADEMY WILL RESUME SESSIONS TOMORROW

It was announced today that the Loretto Academy on the West Side, would resume its sessions tomorrow after a several weeks shutdown, due to health conditions in the two towns.

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